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CERTIFICATION OF THE UPPER CANYON AND LOWER CANYON CLAIMS, FERMIT NO. 50, SHIPROCK MINING DISTFICT. AFACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AND SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO (APPLICATION NO. 1405)

MD: ASJT

Abstract

Application No. 1405 refers to two contiguous tracts on either side of the Arizona-New Mexico boundary, known as the Upper Canyon claim and the Lower Canyon claim. The Upper Canyon claim is in Apache County, Arizona, in unsurveyed Sections 29 and 30, T 39 N, R 31 E, G&SR B&M. The Lower Canyon claim is in San Juan County, New Mexico, in unsurveyed Sections 2 and 3, T 29 N, R 21 W, FMPM, and both are in the Navajo Indian Reservation.

Mining rights on the claims are held by the applicant, Cato Sells: a Navajo Indian, by Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 56, approved August 6, 1952, and renewed for two years from August 6, 1956. No assignment of this permit is involved. This property vas also held by Oato Sells under an un-numbered mining permit dated August 15, 1949.

Initial production was during the life of this un-numbered permit.

The Finance Division reports 2,770.94 pounds of U_3O_8 from the Canyon and Canyon Nos. 1, 2 and 3. As near as can be determined, these Canyon claims are the same as the Upper and Lower Canyon claims. The original records of ore receipts at the Durango mill for the critical period have been destroyed by fire, and the records now available are not specific as to location of the source of shipments. The applicant has not kept shipment records for this period and called Mr. R. H. Toole of this office on August 8, 1956, stating that he is willing to accept the 2,770.94 pound figure for critical period production.

It is recommended that the Upper Canyon and Lower Canyon claims as listed under paragraphs (8) and (9) of Land Description in Newsjo Tribal Mining Fermit No. 56 be certified together as a unit to receive bonus payments on 7,229.01 pounds of U_3O_8 .

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Introduction

Application No. 1405 was received on June 8, 1956, from Cato Sells, Box 253, Farmington, New Mexico. The application requested certification of two claims, the Upper Canyon claim of 22.5 acres, and the Lower Canyon claim of 19.3 acres.

The property was examined on June 29, 1956, by the writer, accompanied by Cato Sells, the applicant.

Status of the Land

The Upper Canyon claim is located in unsurveyed Sections 29 and 3C, T 39 N, R 31 E, G&SR B&M, Apache County, Arizona. The adjacent Lower Canyon claim is located in unsurveyed Sections 2 and 3, T 29 N, R 21 W, NMPM, San Juan County, New Mexico. Both claims are within the Navajo Indian Reservation, and mining rights to them are held by Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 56, approved and effective August 6, 1952, and renewed for two years from August 6, 1956. This permit covers also seven other claims or tracts in the Shiprock Area, the closest other one being about 3/4 mile due south of the Upper Canyon claim or about 1 ½ miles away by road. No assignments are involved concerning the Canyon claims.

The property has been surveyed by Ernest V. Echohawk, a registered land surveyor in New Mexico and Arizona. Corner monuments consisted of stone monuments with identifying stakes in the centers. The claims appeared to be on the ground as shown in the submitted plat and as described in the permit.

No conflicts were noted. Leroy Pettigrew's claim (Permit No. 337) joins the Upper Canyon claim on the south. No claims are known to exist on the east and west end of the Canyon claims. The property on the north is presently under application for a mining permit to one of the many relatives of Cato Sells.

The property may be reached from the bridge at Shiprock, New Mexico, according to the following directions.

Accumulated <u>Mileage</u>

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0.0 6.0 29.0 (approx.) 29.3 40.1 40.9	South on Highway 666. West on gravel road toward Cove. Red Rock Trading Post turn off; keep on main road. Take Oak Springs road to right, north. Pass Oak Springs, take left fork. Turn right.
41.3	Camp on Upper Canyon claim over mine workings.

Ownership

The two contiguous claims considered in this report are held by the applicant, Cato Sells, by Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 55, which was granted under regulations in effect on the Navajo Indian Reservation. The permit has been renewed to August 6, 1958. At the date of initial production the land was held by Cato Sells under an un-numbered mining permit dated August 19, 1949, and the claims were known as the Canyon claims. As near as could be determined shipments were made in the names of the Canyon and Canyon Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

No conflicts were noted. The Leroy Pettigrew claim, joining the Upper Canyon claim on the south was laid out to join the Upper Canyon boundary line, according to a statement by Leroy Pettigrew, the permittee. Other properties on the north are junior claims and were laid out to join without conflict.

The applicant has the right to apply as holder of Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 56.

Production

The property was operating at the time of examination, with four Navajo miners and one white foreman employed. Previously six miners were employed. Two faces are now being worked, with ore thickness pinching out. Present working faces have ore of about 1 foot thickness. The bulk of the ore mined in the past has been from working faces containing about 4 feet of ore. Production this year has been about 150 tons per month, but it will probably drop from now on.

The property has been drilled by the A.E.C. The ore body presently being mined was blocked out by A.E.C. drilling in 1952. Also about 3500 feet of wagon drilling has been done by the applicant at 60¢ per foot. The applicant plans to do more drilling when bonus money is collected.

Haulage to Shiprock is obtained at $7\frac{1}{2}\phi$ per tons mile for 40 miles. No mining costs were obtained.

Equipment at the mine consisted of two wooden ore bins of about 20 tons capacity, two LeRoi 105 compressors, one Joy 125 compressor, three Thor 45 jackhammers, one ton mine cars, two single drum hoists and 12 pound and 20 pound mine rail.

The Finance Division reports 2,770.94 pounds of U_3O_8 produced from the Canyon and Canyon Nos. 1, 2 and 3 claims, which were the same as the Upper and Lower Canyon claims, as near as can be determined from the data available.

The property is eligible to receive bonus payments on 7,229.06 pounds of $\rm U_3O_8$ when certified.

Ore Reserve Data

- 1. Formation Saltwash-Morrison
- 2. Metallurgical Type Carnotite
- 3. Availability

Mining A Metallurgy A Access B

4. Discovery

Source Private Method Surface prospecting Delineation or Development

Source Private Method Drilling and Mining

Average Drilling Depth 100 feet or less

6. Ore Reserves

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7. Ownership or Control Independent operators

8. Probable Delivery Point Shiprock

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Upper Canyon and Lower Canyon claims as listed under paragraphs (8) and (9) revised of Land Description in Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 56 be certified together as a unit eligible to receive bonus payments on 7,229.06 pounds of $\rm U_3^{08}$.

This property is held under valid mining rights expiring August 6, 1958, and subject to extension. The nearest property under common ownership or control is the Oak Springs (or Gravel Top) claim, Certification No. 596, which is about 3/4 mile away in a straight line and about 12 miles distance by existing road.

Certification of this property appears to meet the requirements and purpose of Circular 6.

cc: Ingles Gay - Grants E. R. Gordon - ED

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ON APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF A MINING PROPERTY

6. Production subsequent to February 28, 1951.

656.1040 Total Dry Tons

Total Pounds U308

- 7. Please furnish a plat showing all locations or tracts under this same ownership and/or operational control which are contiguous or closely situated (within \$\frac{1}{2}\$ mile of one another). Said plat should be on a scale of 1" = 1000 or larger (i.e.,1" = 800 or,1" = 700 or, etc.) and should show the relation of the claim pattern with respect to the public land survey and claims of other ownership which overlap. It need not be prepared by a registered engineer or surveyor; however, the signature of the applicant must appear on the plat.
- 8. Please furnish a complete abstract of the public record as it pertains to each claim shown on the plat. (locations, amendments & conveyances, etc.). This need not be prepared by a certified abstractor; however, the person who makes the abstract should certify that it is accurate and complete to the best of his knowledge.

C-801 Upper Canyon & Lower Canyon claims. Visited 10/25/56 Engineer: Eligible Balance - 7,229.06 lbs. Operating currently, drifting toward some recently drilled-out ore. Production this month will be short due to dead drifting most of the month. Two Navajo miners working here, and the white foreman is overseeing this and the Oak Springs, or Gravel Top mine. No irregularities noted with respect to bonus payments. C-80] Upper Canyon and Lower Canyon Claims Visited 2/13/57 Engineer: Taylor Eligible balance - 2,050.81 pounds U308. Not operating on day of visit. Ore bin empty. Evidently, the crew is being used for working the Oak Springs property. Camp and equipment appears to be still intact. No irregularities noted with respect to bonus payments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FIELD SERVICE Navajo Agency Window Rock, Arizona

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Cato Sells Farmington New Mexico

Resources: Replty

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request and the approval of the Advisory Committee, your two Tribal Mining permits No. 55 and 56 are hereby renewed for a period of two years from August 21, 1954. for permit No. 55, and from August 6, 1954 for permit No. 56. These dates are the expiration dates of the original permits.

Yours very truly,

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Chairman, Navajo Tribel Council

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Assistant Area Director

DEPARTMENT OF THE SAMPERIOR BUTCAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WINDOW ROCK AREA OFFICE

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Permit No.

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for the full term of two years from date of approval hereof, for the sole purpose of prospecting for and mining of minerals as follows:

The Permittee to occupily so much of the surface of said land as may be reasonably necessary to carry on the work of prospecting for, mining, etailing, and removing such minerals, and to construct such access roads as are necessary, in proper development of the property.

PROVIDED, however, that any Navajo who conducts development operations under a permit may at his option apply for a lease before the expiration of the two year period, or at the expiration of the two year period he may apply for an extension of his permit for an additional two year term, and the Alvisory Committee may approve any such application if in its opinion the applicant has worked and is continuing to work in good faith in the development of the mining operation.

- In consideration of the foregoing, the Permitee hereby agrees?
 - Royalties: The royalties payable to the Navajo Tribe on all permits and leases issued under the provisions hereof shall be as follows:



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(d) MONTHLY STATEMENTS. To keep an accurate account of all mining operations, showing the sales, prices, datas, nurchasers, and the whole amount of minerals mined, the amount managed, and the gross receipts, derived thereform, end to furnish the break director sworn monthly reports thereon not later than the 25th of the subsecting months; and all sums one as royalty shall be a lien, on all implements, tools, I movable machinery, and all other personal chattels used in operations upon said property, and upon all of the unsold minerals obtained from the level y, and upon all of the unsold minerals obtained from the local ... hercin as security for payment of sald sums.

(e) REGULATIONS. To shide by and conform to any and all regulations of the Secretary of the Interior now or hereafter in force relative to such permits; provided, that no regulations hereafter approved shall affect a

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OVER RIDING ROYALFIES: Subject to approval provided for in section (f) of this permit, assignments, operating agreements, and sub-contracts may, in addition to other considerations provides for the retartion by my party in addition to other considerations, provide for the retention by and payment to the assignor in an assignment, or the granter in a sub-contract or operating agreement, or a royalty on all ore produced and sold from the premises (commonly known as an over-riding royalty) of not to exceed the following percentage based on the mine value per dry ton of ore as defined on pages one and two of this permit, to-wit? On ore having a mine value per dry ton of \$30.00 or less. 2% of the mine value per dry ton. On ore having a mine value per dry ton of more than \$30.00 and 2. not more than \$60.00. 3% of the mine value per dry ton. On ore having a mine value per dry ton of more than \$60,00 and 3. not more than \$80.00, 4% of the mine value per dry ton. On ore having a mine value per dry ton of more than \$80.00, 5% of the mine value per dry ton. If two or more parties are the assignors or grantors, the royalty may be divided on such basis as said assignors or grantors may agree upon; provided, however, that the Advisory Committee of the Navajo Tribal Council may at my time after five (5) years from the date of the first sale of uranium are produced from said property (as evidenced by records of the processing mill or other buyer) reduce the percentage of royalty retained by the assignor or grantor or entirely eliminate the same if the advisory Committee shall determine that such royalty payments so retained are so burdensome as to make the future operation of the mines on said lease impracticable or unprofitable, it being the intent hereof that the Advisory Committee shall at such time take such action as will serve the best interest of the Navajo Tribe in assuring the continuous operation of the uranium mining industry on the Navajo Reservation. · (g) RENTAL. Where permits or leases are assigned or interests are otherwise acquired by non-Indians an advance annual rental of \$1,00 per acre is required and no credit shall be allowed therefor on any future production royalties. (h) ECMD: All non-Indian contracts shall require a surety bond to insure performance of the terms of the contract. The amount of bond to conform to Departmental Mining Regulations. INSPECTION. The permitted premises and producing operations, improvements, machinery and fixtures thereon and connected therewith shall be open at all times for inspection by the Area Director or his authorized representative. 3. FURRENDER AND TERMINATION. The permittee shall have the right at any time during the term hereof to surrender and terminate this permit or my part thereof upon the payment of all royalties due the Navajo Tribe, and any other obligations that may be due the Navajo Tribe; provided, that the permittee has complied with all instructions regarding conservation and protection of the property.

4. CLAUSELIATION AND FORFETTIRE. Then, in the opinion of the Irea Director, there has been a violation of any of the terms and conditions of this permit, the Area Director shall have the right at any time after 30 days notice to the permittee, specifying the terms and conditions violated, and after a hearing, if the permittee shall so request within 30 days of receipt of notice, to declare this permit null and void, and if any royalties or other obligations are due the Navaje Tribe, to take appropriate action to see that such obligations are fulfilled.

5. MINES TRIBUTARY TO URANIUM PROCESSING MILL AT SHIPROFE, NEW MEXICO. Permittee or Lessee and any assignes of the Permittee or Lessee shall tender all uranium cress produced by them from mines tributary to the mill of the Navaje Uranium Company at Shiprook, New Mexico, to the Navaje Uranium for purchase at such price or prices as may be established or approved by the U.S. Avenic Energy Commission, including allowances for transportation and development work, provided, that when there has been purchased for the use of said mill or stock-pile according to the provisions of said lease, a quantity of ore sufficient to supply said mill with its normal ore requirements, the Navaje Uranium Company shall notify each permittee or Lessee

that the provisions of this paragraph are waived until further notice. The

provisions of this paragraph shall not remain in force and effect for a period of more than five (5) years from the date of the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the lease to the Navajo Trankum Company for the

millsite at Shiprock, New Mexico.

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CATO SELLS MINING R. PMET NO. 56 - LAND DESCRIPTION:

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- GATO NO. 2:

 Beginning at a Nomement on the Southeastern and of a Mesa on the North side of Horse Trail Canyon, from which the Cove Day School bears North 68° East 9280 feet approximately; thence North 32° West 1560 feet to Corner No. 2 on the Northeast Corner of the Mesa; thence North 88° heat 1380 feet to Corner No. 3 on the Northeast side of the Mesa; thence South 19° Mast 1130 feet to Corner No. 1 on the South side of the Mesa and on Horse Trail Canyon; thence North 52° East 2330 feet to Corner No. 1, the place of beginning. The Boundaries of this area follow the outcrops of the ore bearing sandstones, and enclose 180 acres, more or less. The area is located in Apache County, Arizona, in an unsurveyed portion of Township 27 North, Range 29 East.
- (3) Starting at the Northwest Corner No. 1 of the proposed mining permit and the West end of the Cak Springs Water Trough which has an inscription in concrete reading January 23, 1935. The 17th mile marker on the New Hexico-Arizona Boundary IAne bears approximately 2M.220 East 2500 feet. Starting again from Corner No. 1, the Northwest Corner, thence 200 East 1500 feet to Corner No. 2 Southwest Corner; thence North 800 East 600 feet to Corner No. 3, the Southeast Corner; thence North 200 West 1500 feet to Corner No. 1, the Northwest Corner; and place of beginning, containing approximately 20.1 acres in San Juan County, New Mexico.
- (h) Beginning at Oak Springs Water Trough, running 600 feet East to Corner No. 1; thence East 26h0 feet to Corner No. 3; thence East 26h0 feet to Corner No. 4; thence West 26h0 feet to Corner No. 4; thence West 26h0 feet to Corner No. 1; and place of beginning, containing 160 acres, in San Juan County, New Mexico.

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Cate Sells - Mining Permit No. 56 - Land Description (continued)

- (5) Corner No. 1 starts at the Triangulation Station and Corner No. 1 of the Current Brothers and Wade Flot No. 7 Lease, from which point U. 5. Mineral Monument No. 3 bears North 1° 22° 50° East 33,650 feet; thence from Corner No. 13,000 feet North 60° East to Corner No. 2; thence 4,000 feet South 20° West to Corner No. 3; which corner is the same as Corner No. 31 of Current Brothers and Wade Flot and Lease; thence 3,687 feet North 16° 27° West to Corner No. 1, and place of beginning, from Corner No. 31 to Corner No. 1 is the Northeast Boundary Line of Current Brothers and Wade Flot No. 7 Lease; plot containing 73.6 acres, more or less, in Apachs County, Arisons, being located approximately in a common corner of unsurveyed Townships 38 North, Range 28 East,

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- Starting at Corner No. 1, the Northeast Corner, from which point N. S. Minera. Monument No. 1 boars North 33° 02' Min East 8,733.98 feet; thence from Corner No. 1 South 5° 11' West 280 feet to Corner No. 2; thence South 27° 863.33 feet to Corner No. 3, the Southeast Corner; thence North 81° M9' West 616.28 feet to Corner No. 4; the Southeast Corner; thence North 5° 11' East 516.58 feet to Corner No. 6, the Northwest Corner; thence South 84° M9' East 600 feet to place of beginning, containing 20.6 acres, more or less, in Apache County, Arizona.
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- (8) Beginning at a point 121 feet due South of where the hed hock Beclabite Road crosses the New Mexico-Arizona State Boundaries, which point is between the 16th and 17th mile markers and which is approximately 3500 feet due South of the 16th mile marker; thence from point of beginning or Corner No. 1, the Northeast Corner, 1800 feet North 65° West to Corner No. 2, the Northeast Corner; thence 600 feet South 65° East to Corner No. 3, the Southwest Corner; thence due North following the New Mexico-Arizona State Boundaries 600 feet to Corner No. 1, and place of beginning, containing 25-1 acres, in Apache County, Arizons, and is located approximately in Section 2, Township 38 North, East, unsurveyed.

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Cato Sells - Mining Permit No. 56 - Land Description (continued):

(9) Beginning at a point 121 feet due South where the Red Rock - Beclabito hoad crosses the New Mexico - Arisona State Boundaries which point is between the 11 th and 17th Mile Post and which is approximately 3,500 feet due South of the 16th Mile Marker; thence from point of beginning Corner No. 1 the Northwest Corner 1500 feet South 69° hast to Corner No. 2; the Northeast Corner; thence 600 feet due South to Corner No. 3, the Southeast Corner; thence 600 feet due North following the Arizons - New Mexico Boundary Line to Corner Newber 1, and place of beginning, containing 20.6 acres, in Sar Juan County, New Mexico, in unsurveyed Township 29 North, ange 21 West, in approximate Section 2 and 3.

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MD: AS JT June 18, 1956 Cato Sells Box 253 Farmington, New Mexico APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF UPPER AND LOWER CARYOR MINE (NO. E-1405) Dear Mr. Salls: Upper and Lower Canyon Mine, Shiprock Mining District, Apache County, Arisona and San Juan County, New Mexico.

Description of location of property

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Cato Sells, Census No. 30998

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U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF MINING PROPERTY

In accordance with Atomic Energy Commission Domestic Uranium Program Circular 6 (Assistance in filling out this form will be available at the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's office in Grand Junction, Colo.)

Name of applicant Cato Sells AEC License No. F-492 Address Box 253, Farmington, New Mexico I hereby request that the following described mining property be certified as eligible for bonus paymen under Domestic Uranium Circular 6. Name of mining property Upper and Lower Canyon Mine Name of owner Cato Sells Interest of applicant Owner Comer or Lasse-4 other, specify Description of mining property: (If more space is required use blank space below.) a. Mining district Shiprock Mining with the Shiprock Mining without b. Size of property The appear of Lawrent without c. Number and names of claims included in this property 2 - Upper Canyon and Lower Ganyon - Fermit Ro. 56 DATE OF RECORD COUNTY STATE BOOK NO. PAGE NO. PAGE NO. PAGE NO. C. Title to property is patented or unpatented? (State which.) Kays to Indian Reservation	Name of applicant	Cato Sell	-S Al	EC License No	F-492	140
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August 2, 1956

Mr. Cato Sells Box 253 Farmington, New Mexico

RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE UPPER CANYON AND LOWER CANYON (CLAIMS, PERMIT NO. 56, SHIPROCK MINING DISTRICT, APACHE AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES, ARIZONA. (APPLICATION NO. 1405)

Dear Mr. Sells:

During the examination of the above named claims for certification you informed the examining engineer that the production from the property during the period April 9, 1948 through February 28, 1951, was shipped under claim names other than Upper Canyon and Lower Canyon. Production records in our Finance Division indicate that you shipped from the Canyon, Canyon No. 1, Canyon No. 2, and Canyon No. 3 claims in 1950.

Please inform us as to the location of these Canyon claims and which of them was the same property as your property presently known as the Upper Canyon claim and Lower Canyon claim. A prompt reply will expedite the processing of your application. If no reply is received before September 1, 1956, your application will be processed on the assumption that the 1950 production from these Canyon claims, totaling 2770.94 lbs. of U308 came from the property now known as the Upper Canyon and Lower Canyon claims.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Toole, Chief Leasing & Development Branch Mining Division

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MD:ASJT

August 20, 1956

Mr. Cato Sells P. O. Box 253 Farmington, New Mexico

Re: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE UPPER CANYON AND LOWER CANYON CLAIMS, PERMIT NO. 56. (APPLICATION NO. 1405)

Dear Mr. Sells:

During the processing of the above named application, it has been noted that Corner No. 1 of the Upper Canyon claim and Corner No. 1 of the Lower Canyon claim is described in Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 56 as being approximately 3,500 feet due south of the 16th mile marker on the Arizona-New Mexico boundary. Your map submitted with the application shows this point to be 1222 feet from Mile Post No. 17. Assuming the distance between Mile Post Nos. 16 & 17 to be an even mile, or 5,280 feet, the corner would be 4,058 feet from Mile Post No. 16 instead of 3,500 feet as shown in Permit No. 56.

In view of this discrepancy, it will be necessary for you to have the new survey accepted and Permit No. 56 revised according to the new survey, by the Navajo Tribal Council and the Branch of Realty at Window Rock before certification can be completed. Please notify this office when this has been done.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Toole, Chief Leasing & Development Branch Mining Division

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Navajo Agency Window Rock, Arizona

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Mr. Cato Sells 901 Buene Viete Fermington, New Mexico

Lear Mr. Sells:

Fursuant to request contained in your latter of August 24, 1956, and the approval of the Advisory Committee on September 11, 1956, you are hereby advised that the survey descriptions of the "Upper Canyon claim" and "lower Canyon claim" as contained in your Mining Permit No. 56 hereinefter will be described as follows:

1222. It. north of the Arisona-New Mexico State line Mile post No. 17. The said corner No. 1 also being 121 ft. south along the said State line from a point where State line intersects the Ned Rock and Beclabite hoad. From corner No. by mates and bounds, N65° 00'W., 1800 ft. to corner No. 2; S.0° 08'W., 600 ft. to corner No. 3; S65° 00'S., 1800 ft. to corner No. h; N.0° 08'E., 600 ft. to corner No. 1, the place of beginning. This tract as described being in Apache County, Arizons and contains 22.5 acres.

Lower Camyon Claim: Beginning at corner No. 1 which bears N.O° 08'E., 1222 ft. north of the Arizons-New Mexico State line Mile post No. 17. The said corner No. 1 also being 121 ft south along the said State line from a point where State line intersects the Ned Rock and Beclabito Mosd. Prom corner No. 1 by metes and bounds, S69° 00'E., 1500 ft to corner No. 2; S.O° 08'W., 600 ft to corner No. 3; Ni9° 00'W., 1500 ft. to corner No. 4; N.O° 08'E., 600 ft. to corner No. 1, the place of beginning. The tract as described being in San Just County, New Mexico and contains 19.31 acres."

Copies of this letter will be forwarded to U. S. Geological Survey, Carlsbed, New Maxico, Berr-NeGes Gil Industries, Inc., Shiprock, New Mexico and the Atomic Energy Commission, Grand Junction, Colorado, for their information.

Yours very truly,

/s/ PAUL JONES

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October 5, 1956

Mr. Cato Sells Box 253 Farmington, New Mexico

Re: CENTIFICATION NO. 596, OAK SPRINGS (GRAVEL TOP) CLAIM, AND APPLICATION NO. 1405. UPPER AND LOWER CAMYON CLAIMS, SHIPROCK MINING DISTRICT, APACHE COUNTY, ARIZOMA.

Dear Mr. Sells:

Since your new survey of the Upper and Lower Canyon claims has been accepted by the Window Rock Office, your application for certification of this property (Application No. 1405) appears to be in order and is now being processed.

As to your increasing the acreage at Oak Springs (Gravel Top) claim, your letter of September 17, 1956 is being treated as a request to have the Oak Springs Extension added to Certification No. 596. One of our field Engineers will contact you later in order to be shown where the corners are.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Toole, Chief Leasing & Development Branch Mining Division

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	CERTIFICATION OF THE UPPER CANYON AND LOWER CANYON CLAIMS, PERMIT NO. 56, SHIPROCK MINING DISTRICT, APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AND SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO (APPLICATION NO. 1405)
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October 17, 1956

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RO: CERTIFICATION OF UPPER CARYON AND LOWER CARRON CLADS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, MEN MEXICO AND APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA, (APPLICATION NO. 1805)

Dear Mr. Bella:

Reference is made to your explication dated May 30, 1956, requesting certification of Upper and Lower Canyon Mine for bonne payments under the provisions of Domestic Uranius Program Circular 6.

This will serve as notification that the captioned application has been reviewed and the following described property is hereby certified as a unit eligible for bonus payments:

Upper Canyon Claim and Lower Canyon Claim as described in Navajo Tribal Mining Permit No. 56

The above property is situated in unsurveyed Sections 29 & 30, T 39 K, R 31 K, Gass Raw, Apache County, Arizona, and unsurveyed Sections 2 & 3, T 29 K, R 21 W, R.K.P.W., San Juan County, New Mexico all in Shiprock Mining District.

Production records show that 2,770.9% pounds of UgOg were produced from this property between April 9, 1948, and February 28, 1951, inclusive. Therefore, bonus payments will be made on each pound of UgOg up to and including the first 7259.06 pounds contained in ores mined from this property and accepted by a qualified mill or Commission ore-buying station between March 1, 1951, and March 31, 1960, inclusive. Each ores are eligible to receive bonus payments in the order of their dates of settlement, so that it is possible that previous shipments, other than years, are eligible.

The certification number you will use in making application for bonus payment is D.U.P. C6-C-SOL. Several copies of an "Application for Bonus Payment" form are enclosed for listing each month's production since March 1, 1951. In making application for bonus payments, please note the name of the chain or claims from which are was shipped so well as the group name.

Very truly yours,

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		Subject: APPLICATION FOR BONUS PAYMENT - DUP-C6-C-801
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